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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**under C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

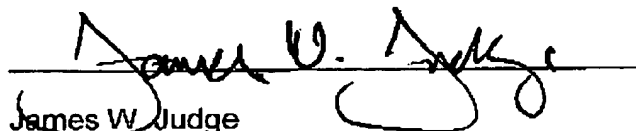
Sir:

For replying to the Office action dated **August 3, 2005** in the patent application identified above, Applicant(s) hereby requests an extension of time of **three months**, from **November 3, 2005** to **February 3, 2006**.

Accompanying this paper is a Fee Transmittal, indicating the \$1020.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for reply within the third month. Form PTO-2038 to make payment of the fee by credit card is attached to the Fee Transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

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